



## → College Uniform and Grooming Policy ←

### **Purpose**

St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College prides itself on the performance, behavior, and appearance of its students. This policy aims to maintain high standards of student presentation and promote a sense of unity and belonging within the College community. Compliance with the uniform and grooming standards is a condition of enrolment at the College.

### **Uniform Requirements**

#### **General**

- All students must wear the full College uniform on school occasions and while traveling to and from the College.
- Uniform items must be clean, in good condition, and correctly fitted. Worn or damaged items must be replaced promptly.
- Sports uniform must be worn on designated days, and casual clothing is not permitted unless explicitly allowed.
- The College blazer is compulsory during Terms 2 and 3. (winter) For additional warmth, students may wear the College jumper under the blazer but not as a replacement.

#### **Girls' Uniform**

- Summer (K-10): Maroon or dark blue check dress (depending on year level), plain white crew socks, and black lace-up leather shoes. Maroon hair accessories are required.
- Winter (K-10): Long-sleeved sky blue blouse with a Peter Pan collar, navy/black tights, maroon jumper, and a College blazer.
- Senior Years (11-12): Navy skirt to cover the knees, navy blazer, white shirt with a V-neck collar, maroon jumper, and short plain white crew socks.

#### **Boys' Uniform**

- Summer (K-10): Navy trousers or shorts, sky blue short-sleeved shirt, black lace-up leather shoes, and optional College blazer.
- Winter (K-10): Navy trousers, long-sleeved sky blue shirt, maroon jumper, and College blazer.
- Senior Years (11-12): Grey trousers, navy blazer, white shirt, maroon jumper, and school tie.

#### **Sports Uniform**

Sky blue polo shirt, navy sports shorts, white socks, and College tracksuit. Only white or black sport shoes are permitted.

## **Grooming Standards**

### **Hair**

Boys: Neat, short hairstyles with no extreme cuts (e.g., undercuts, spiked hair). Hair should not touch the collar or extend below the eyebrows. Boys must remain clean-shaven.

Girls: Hair must be tied back neatly, and no braids or half-up styles are permitted. Maroon hair elastics are required.

### **Jewelry and Accessories**

Jewelry is not permitted, except for a small Coptic cross necklace or a single silver/gold sleeper or stud in the lower earlobe. Smartwatches and gemstones are not allowed.

### **Makeup and Nail Polish**

Makeup, nail polish, and acrylic/gel nails are not allowed. Nails must be kept short and neat.

### **Enforcement Procedures**

#### **Written Notification**

Repeated uniform violations will result in written warnings, after-school detentions, and, after three breaches in a term, suspension from classes.

#### **Confiscation**

Items in breach of the uniform policy will be confiscated and held for one month.

#### **Out-of-Uniform Pass**

If unable to wear the correct uniform, students must provide a letter from a parent explaining the reason.

#### **Non-Compliance**

Failure to comply with the uniform and grooming policy may result in removal from class until the issue is resolved.

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By adhering to this Policy, we aim to ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and students at Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox College. Your cooperation in following these procedures is greatly appreciated.

*This policy is subject to review and modification as necessary, any updates will be communicated to staff, parents and legal guardians promptly.*

**Approved By:** Mr Anthony Deans

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